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MR. SPEAKER: I shall allow the hon. Member to put a supplementary. Let me see how it arises out of the main question.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that there are many schools in the City of Madras which have made arrangements to have the salary of the previous month to be paid on the first of the next month and that they had not infringed the regulations and rules laid down by the Education Department?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The question is with reference to the private schools and I have stated I have no information. If there are any specific cases, I shall look into them if they are brought to my notice.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM rose—

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister has stated that if any specific case is brought to his notice, he will look into it. In view of that answer, I am not going to allow further supplementaries. Next question.

*Agricultural pumpsets*

\* 207 Q.—SRI P. S. CHINNADURAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received recently from agriculturists having lands within the limits of the Corporation of Madras, asking for the abolition of the licensing system introduced by the Corporation for agricultural pumpsets; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

*Sales tax*

\* 208 Q.—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether sales tax is levied on inter-State trade of raw silk and zari, used in the handloom industry; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any action for the exemption of these articles from the purview of the Central Sales Tax Act?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (a) All inter-State sales of indigenous raw silk, by dealers in this State, whether used in the handloom industry or otherwise, are exempt from tax. Inter-State sales of other kinds of raw silk and zari, by dealers in this State, are, however, liable to tax.

(b) No, Sir.